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Onanism is said to occur, but there are no homosexual activities between male adolescents. One settler assumed that this was due to the strong laxatives (purgas) which the youngsters have to take when they are only twelve or thirteen years old, and which make them actually sick for a number of months. While there are no homosexuals with masculine tendencies there are some cases of extreme effeminacy. My informant knew of two such instances. One of them wears woman's clothing and is said to live along the Cahuapanas, another along the Nieva. The latter wears man's clothing, to be sure, but he likes to do all the work (making of pottery, preparing of Massato, etc.) that is generally done by the women. He asked one member of our expedition to address him with a woman's name and not with his masculine name. He lives with a settler and prostitutes himself as the passive partner to the settler's workers. He pays his lovers. He does not practise any active sexual intercourse.